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Scientists catch first “dark” gamma-ray burst

For the first time scientists have snapped a photo of an unusual type of gamma-ray-burst event one minute after the explosion. Scientists working with NASA's High Energy Transient Explorer captured the particularly fast-fading type of “dark” burst which comprises about half of all gamma-ray bursts. These “dark” bursts are named because they have had no detectable optical afterglow until now.

Wellness Center holiday hours:

Dec. 26, 5 a.m.-8:30 p.m.; Dec. 31, open until 4 p.m.; closed Jan. 1

Charlie's Grill in Bldg. 4200 will be closed Dec. 26-27, 31 and Jan. 2-3

Power outage set Dec. 28-29

A 12-hour, total power outage will be from 6 p.m. Dec. 28-6 a.m. Dec. 29, in Bldg. 4207 and Bldg. 4663. All telephone, data and e-mail services will be affected. Access to Marshall services from off-site users will be unavailable. All Marshall telephone, remote access, emergency warning, Marshall pager system and Integrated Financial Management services centerwide also will be unavailable during this time. During the power outage, the NASA Information Support Center and the NACC Technical Services Center can be contacted at 837-9498. Marshall security services can be contacted at 895-8156. All onsite 911 emergencies must be reported to Security at 895-8156. For more information, call 544-HELP, Option 0.

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